

NEWS RELEASE

Notice of Public Meeting – Results of Threshold Criteria Evaluation

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The public meeting to present the results of the Round 1 Threshold Criteria Evaluation will take place on:

Thursday, April 27, 2006
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Lenox Library Association
18 Main Street, Lenox, Massachusetts 01240

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